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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)**

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith English language abstracts for JP 04-284925, JP 03-264139, JP 59-066935, JP 10-296350, and JP 07-032063. Applicant points out that JP 2000-263799 corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,499,836 and U.S. Patent Publications 2005/00576916 A1 and 2003/0029038 A1.

Enclosed herewith, in support of the enclosed statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e), is a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents, and bearing the date of August 23, 2005.

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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		US 6,449,836	B1	12-31-2002	Usui et al.
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		JP	2000-263799	A	09-26-2000	Seiko Epson Corporation	Corresponds to US 6,449,836, US 2005/0057616, and US 2003/0029038
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## **NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

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